

**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR  
DESIGN  
PATENT APPLICATION  
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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(37 CFR 1.16 (e))  
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Attorney Docket  
Number 055189-0016

First Named Inventor BERGERON, M. et al.

**COMPLETE IF KNOWN**

Application Number 10/564,735

Filing Date January 19, 2006

Art Unit

Examiner Name

**I hereby declare that:**

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**A PROCESS FOR RECOVERING PLATINUM GROUP METALS FROM ORES AND CONCENTRATES**

*(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

**OR**

☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) January 19, 2006 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number 10/564,735 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)  (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
				YES	NO
2,435,779	CA	07/22/2003	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

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NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor		
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<b>DECLARATION</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S)</b> Supplemental Sheet
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<b>Name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
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INDICATION FORM**

<b>Application Number</b>	Not yet assigned 10/564,735
<b>Filing Date</b>	January 19, 2006
<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Bergeron et al.
<b>Title</b>	A PROCESS FOR RECOVERING ...
<b>Art Unit</b>	Not yet assigned
<b>Examiner Name</b>	Not yet assigned
<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	055189-0016

I hereby revoke all previous powers of attorney given in the above-identified application.

I hereby appoint:

☒ Practitioners associated with the Customer Number:

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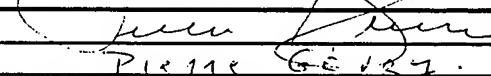
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Applicant/Inventor.

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Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

**SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record**

Signature		Date	03-13-06
Name	PIERRE G. BERGERON	Telephone	514-849-7336
Title and Company	RESSOURCES MINIÉRES PRO-OR INC.		

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below\*.

☐ \*Total of \_\_\_\_\_ forms are submitted.

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**ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 055189-0016**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Bergeron et al.	Examiner:	Not yet assigned
Serial No.:	Not yet assigned	Art Unit:	Not yet assigned
Filing Date:	January 19, 2006		
Title:	A process for recovering platinum group metals from ores and concentrates		

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**ESTABLISHING RIGHT OF ASSIGNEE TO TAKE ACTION**  
**(37 CFR § 3.73(b))**

The inventors of the above-referenced United States patent application have assigned their entire right, title, and interest in the inventions disclosed therein according to the following table:

<b>Inventor</b>	<b>Assignee</b>
Mario Bergeron	Ressources Minières Pro-Or Inc.
Marc Richer-Laflèche	Ressources Minières Pro-Or Inc.

Thus, the Assignee of the inventors' entire right, title, and interest is:  
Ressources Minières Pro-Or Inc.

According to 37 CFR § 3.73(b), the Assignee is entitled to take action relating to the application in the Patent and Trademark Office if the Assignee establishes ownership to the satisfaction of the Commissioner.

Ownership by the assignee is established as follows:

\_\_\_ documents already recorded in the PTO on \_\_\_\_\_.

Reel \_\_\_\_\_ Frame \_\_\_\_\_; and

X documents separately submitted for recordal to the PTO (a copy of these documents is attached).

### STATEMENT

I, person(s) authorized to sign on behalf of the Assignee, have reviewed the evidentiary documents referred to above and certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, title is mine/ours as Assignee who seeks to take further action.

Name/Title	Assignee	Date
Signature: <u>Pierre Gévy</u> Name: <u>PIERRE GÉVY</u> Title: <u>PRESIDENT</u>	Ressources Minières Pro-Or Inc.	03/07/2006
Signature: <u>Pierre Gévy</u> Name: <u>PIERRE GÉVY</u> Title: <u>PRESIDENT</u>	Ressources Minières Pro-Or Inc.	03/07/2006

**CONFIRMATION OF PAST ASSIGNMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION****UNIVERSAL**

WHEREAS, the invention entitled "A PROCESS FOR RECOVERING PLATINUM GROUP METALS FROM ORES AND CONCENTRATES" described in International Patent Application No. PCT/CA2004/001067 filed on July 20, 2004 and claiming priority on United States Provisional Application No. 60/489,904 filed July 25, 2003 and Canadian Application No. 2,435,779 filed July 22, 2003, or a part of said invention, was assigned on January 7, 2004 (hereinafter referred as the "past assignment") by 1) BERGERON, Mario, whose full address is 1253 de Fenouillet, Cap-Rouge, Quebec, Canada G1Y 2Y6; and 2) RICHER-LAFLÈCHE, Marc, whose full address is 1303 rue de Chambly, Sainte-Foy, Quebec, Canada G1W 3Y8 (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignors") to RESSOURCES MINIERES PRO-OR INC., whose full post office address is 400 rue St-Jacques, suite 200, Montreal, Quebec Canada H2Y 1S1 (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignee"); We hereby authorize and request our patent agent to insert here in parentheses (Application number 10/564,735 filed on January 19, 2006) the filing date (s) and application number(s) of any additional application covering the same invention when known; and

WHEREAS the Assignors and the Assignee are desirous of confirming this past assignment;

WHEREAS the Assignor is desirous of assigning and the Assignee is desirous of obtaining any part of said invention not previously assigned.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor(s) have and by these present do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said part of said invention not previously assigned as described in the aforesaid application, in any form or embodiment thereof, and in and to the aforesaid application; and in and to any applications based thereon filed in any foreign country, including the right to file said foreign applications under the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and under the Paris

Convention; also the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents, reissues or extensions thereof to be obtained in this or any foreign country upon said invention or inventions and any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, substitute application(s) or supplementary disclosure(s) which may be filed upon said invention or inventions, in any country; and the Assignor(s) hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the issuing authority to issue any and all patents on said application or applications to said Assignee.

The Assignor(s) further agree(s) without any payment by said Assignee other than expenses incurred by the undersigned, to communicate to said Assignee, its representatives or agents, any facts useful as evidence for interference purposes or for other proceedings relating to intellectual property encompassing the invention, whenever requested; testify in any interference, litigation or other proceedings, whenever requested; and execute and deliver, on request, all lawful papers required to make any of the foregoing provisions effective, and likewise make these provisions binding upon the Assignor(s) heirs, legal representatives, administrators and assigns.


Les soussignés désirent que la présente cession soit en anglais. The undersigned request that the present assignment be in English.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Assignor(s) and Assignee have hereunto set their hand(s) and seal.

WITNESS(ES)

DATE

ASSIGNOR(S)

  
Signature of Witness

03/06/2006  
MM/DD/YYYY

  
BERGERON, Mario

Jean-Marc Desrosiers  
Name of Witness

  
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RICHER-LAFLECHE, Marc

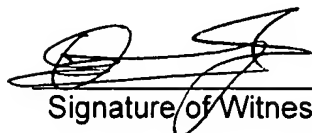
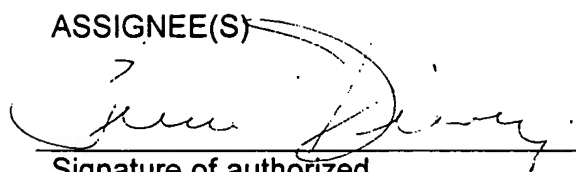
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ASSIGNEE(S)

  
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MINIERES PRO-OR INC.JOAN-MARC DESROSIER  
Name of WitnessPierre GÉRY  
Name of authorized representative of  
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INC.PRESIDENT  
Title of authorized representative of  
RESSOURCES MINIERES PRO-OR  
INC.

The Assignment is executed nunc pro tunc as of July 22, 2003.